

MINUTES

—OF THE—

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

South Bethel Baptist Association.

—HELD WITH—

THOMASVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, THOMASVILLE, CLARKE COUNTY,
ALA., SEPT. 26-29, 1899.

OFFICERS:

J. R. COWAN, Moderator.....Cunningham, Ala.
J. H. CREIGHTON, Clerk and Treasurer.....Whatley, Ala.

The next session will be held with the Amity Baptist
Church, near Whatley, Ala., on Tuesday before the
first Sunday in October, 1900.

MINUTES.

The Sixteenth Annual Session of the South Bethel Association was held with the Thomasville Baptist church at Thomasville Clarke county, Ala., on Tuesday September 26, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Called to order by Moderator C. W. Burge. E. R. Vaughan conducted the devotional exercises.

The letters from the churches were read by J. W. Mathews and J. R. Cowan. Churches and messengers enrolled as follows:

Amity—W. A. Tharp, J. A. Hill, F. W. More.
Antioch—J. L. Harrel.
Asberry—W. L. Hunter.
Bassetts Creek—T. D. Daniel, C. Fendley.
Cane Creek—J. W. Harvel, Samuel Morgan.
Canetouchy—No messengers.
Clarksville—J. A. Coats, Jr.
Deep Creek—W. N. Nichols, T. L. Nichols.
Elam—T. L. Williams, J. H. Griffin, C. C. Williams.
Enon—John McGilbery.
Evergreen—E. R. Vaughan.
Forest Springs—M. E. Anderson.
Friendship—T. A. Purvis.
Good Hope—W. A. Baugh, W. H. Williamson, J. R. Walker.
Good Will—C. C. Daniel.
Grove Hill—J. J. Brackett, J. W. Cunningham, C. Foscue.
Fulton—Paul Fendley, J. H. Fendley.
Hoboken—B. F. Tucker, J. D. Hill.
Horeb—J. H. Creighton, T. J. Creighton.
Hope Well—A. J. Roe.
Independence—W. A. Criswell.
Indian Springs—
Jackson—H. S. Fendley.
Lower Peachtree Tree—J. W. Gibson, C. H. Morgan.
Mt. Gilead—
Mt. Vernon—L. V. Champion.
Midway—C. W. Burge, J. D. Hudson, O. P. Cassity.
New Prospect—J. R. Bell, M. G. Deas, E. L. Fendley.
Peniel—J. W. Mathews.
Pine Hill—E. D. Adams, W. J. Miller, Clay Sheffield.
Pleasant Grove—J. S. Finch.
Putnam—W. J. Downery.
Red Bud—No messenger.
River Hill—Henry White.
Rockville—No messengers.
Round Hill—J. A. Spinks, J. P. Moseley, N. D. Moseley.
Salem—E. P. Larimore, J. J. Vickers.

Suggsville—J. B. Cleveland.

Stone Creek—

Thomasville—J. R. Cowan, F. M. Dunaway, A. B. Stutts.

Ulcounush—Kervin Miller, H. E. York, J. W. Fluker.

West Bend—A. J. Pace.

Witch Creek—B. Coats, E. T. Wiggins.

Walnut Hill—W. J. Clanton, M. M. Harris, J. C. Ott.

The Association elected J. R. Cowan, Moderator, and J. H. Creighton, Clerk and Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for and letters were presented from Good Springs and Walnut Hill churches asking membership in this Association, which was granted.

Corresponding messengers were enrolled as follows:

State Board of Missions—W. B. Crumpton.

Institute Board—G. S. Anderson.

Greensborough Church—A. J. Dickinson.

Orphans' Home—J. W. Stewart.

Alabama Baptist—J. A. Howard.

Cahaba Association—J. W. Dunaway.

Selma Association—Walter Cowan.

Bethel Association—J. L. Tucker.

The Moderator appointed the following committees to report during the session.

On Preaching—E. D. Adams.

Pastor and Deacons of Thomasville church.

On Finance—A. J. Pace, J. S. Finch, J. A. Hill.

On Nominations, Documents and Requests—C. W. Burge, J. J. Brackett, J. W. Fluker.

On Apportionment—J. H. Creighton, W. N. Nichols, T. L. Williams.

J. W. Matthews read the following report on Orphans Home.

REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME.

We your committee, are pleased to report the condition, and management of our "Orphans' Home" such, as to give pleasure to the Baptists of Alabama, under the efficient and capable management of Bro. Stewart and his assistants, we have an "Ideal" Orphan's Home for those unfortunate ones, who are dependent upon our bounty. The home life of the institution is one of its most charming features, and within its sheltering walls 63 children are receiving that training of mind and heart which will fit them for lives of future usefulness. Brethren, in the name of the "orphans' God," we commend them unto your care.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MATHEWS,

T. L. WILLIAMS,

JOHN MCGILBERY.

Remarks were made by J. W. Mathews and J. W. Stewart, after which collected \$13.05. The report was then adopted.

On motion the Clerk was requested to report in the Min-

utes all accessions to the churches from the Sunday Schools.
Adjourned till 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION—7:30 P. M.

The Association sermon was preached by J. H. Creighton.
Text, Mathew 21:43.

After the sermon J. H. Fendley read the following report
on religious literature.

(Report destroyed in fire.)

Remarks were made by J. H. Fendley, W. A. Parker, J.
A. Howard and G. S. Anderson and adopted.

Association adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION—9 O'CLOCK.

Called to order by the Moderator, and W. A. Tharp conducted devotional exercises.

G. S. Anderson presented the Institute work.

On motion, the unappropriated funds of the Association to be turned over to Bro. Anderson, and that the Association agree to raise fifty dollars next year for Institute work.

At 11 o'clock J. W. Dunaway preached from Rom. 1:16.

W. A. Parker offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, We believe that the pastoral relation is God-appointed, and in the Scriptures taught to be a permanent institution, and furthermore, that the system of annual calls, as practised by many of our churches, is detrimental to church development, also to the development of the ministry, be it

Resolved, That we recommend that all our churches abandon the annual call; and seek by prayer the guidance of the Holy Spirit to establish permanent Scriptural pastorates.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

W. A. Parker conducted devotional exercises.

C. H. Morgan read the following report:

HOME MISSIONS.

When we consider this important work in all of its details—that which has been done and that which is to do—we are forced to admit that it is one of the interests of Southern Baptists which should lay

claim to our energies, purses and prayers. It is with great pleasure and pride that we report the year just closed as the most prosperous in the history of the board. The board has now 467 missionaries employed. Number of baptisms last year, 4,739; total addition to churches, 12,983; Sunday Schools organized, 512; teachers and pupils, 14,768. Amount raised and expended on the field, \$65,818.81; for building houses of worship, \$50,050.33, making a total of money raised and expended, \$115,869.14. The work of the board extends over a vast territory embracing part of the states of Georgia, North Carolina, East Tennessee, Eastern Kentucky and Southwest Virginia, Louisiana, Texas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Cuba.

The Woman's Missionary Union has become a helpful factor in the work of the board; their contributions for the past year was \$14,127.67 cash, and \$22,567.06 in supplies sent to our missionaries. With these facts before us, and the command of our Savior, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" how can we, as "missionary Baptists," forbear to go as long as there is a place on God's earth where the gospel is not preached. One hundred years ago our denomination aggregated about 500 churches and 70,000 members, now they number 4,000,000 baptized believers—the largest body of Christians in America. Then they had no missionary system; now we have in foreign lands 2,000 churches, 2,500 preachers. Then they had no home mission work; now the home mission work equals the foreign. Should not these facts inspire our hearts with enthusiasm that will call forth more earnest efforts that Christ may be glorified and the world saved.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE.

The following report was made on State Missions:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Board of Missions entered upon its work this year under very discouraging circumstances. A very heavy debt hanging over the denomination, and the low price of cotton, and no Corresponding Secretary to lead in the work, Dr. Bledsoe having resigned, the Board was not willing to take any great risk. But with Bro. J. L. Thompson as temporary Secretary the Board has kept two evangelists in the field all the year, Bro. J. W. Sandlin working in North Alabama and Bro. A. J. Preston in South Alabama. As to the results of their work, your committee is not informed. The board also assisted quite a number of weak churches in the State; among the number four in our own bounds have been helped, Round Hill, Suggsville, Evergreen and Canetouchy, each to the amount of \$25.00. These and other churches are still wanting help.

At the April meeting of the State Board of Missions the Board elected our beloved brother, W. B. Crumpton, to take charge of the mission work again in our State, and he accepted and took hold of the work at once. When he came back to the State he found that a plan had already been laid to pay the indebtedness of the denomination. Bro. Crumpton's first work was to help to pay off the debt, which was fully accomplished by the middle of July. Since then he has undergone a very heavy stroke in the death of his wife, and severe sickness in his family. But now he is again in the field, actively engaged in the great work of evangelizing the world. Let us stand by him and the Board and help carry out the great commis-

sion of our Master to preach the gospel to every creature. The great need now is money to do this work. Let every church the next year come up with an increased contribution for missions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. CREIGHTON,
For Committee.

W. A. Parker read the report on Foreign Missions, as follows:

Substitute:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

God has abundantly blessed this department of our work this year.

There were more baptisms and more converts under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention than in any previous year of its history.

There have been more new appointments, and more consecrated men and women desiring appointments to mission work, in foreign fields, than before.

The war between Spain and the United States, with the annexation of Hawaii, blazes a direct road of our own to the far East. England's trouble, brewing in Africa, will no doubt result in English possession of the Dark Continent, and that, added to American domination of sea and land, will well nigh put the whole earth under Anglo-Saxon influence. The English speaking people of the world must give the gospel to the nations, and it looks now as if God's time were near at hand, when "the heathen shall be given to His son for an inheritance.

As the climax of Bible appointed mission work approaches, it appeals to Baptists more than to any other. Do we not hold the un-garnished truth? If the world get it, must they not get it from us? What we do, we must do "quickly." This is the broad open day of our opportunity. It will not be long till this generation will have passed away. Who would desire to be left out in the awarding of blessings in the end?

The great cause of Foreign Missions can, in its demands upon us, only be met by the individual members of the denomination. Here is the secret of ultimate success or failure: The "development of the spirit and habit of giving on the part of individual church members."

To this end your committee would earnestly recommend to pastors and churches systematic and regular prayer and contributions to the cause. Spasmodic giving, dependent on external incentives, may do much, but how vastly more would be done if every church, and every individual church member would "lay by every week as the Lord had prospered."

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE.

This is substituted for the original report, that having been destroyed in the recent fire in Thomasville.
COMMITTEE.

After speeches by W. B. Crumpton, J. A. Howard, W. A. Parker and A. J. Dickinson, the reports were adopted.

On motion, the Association agreed to increase the collections for next year twenty-five per cent for missions.

Adjourned till 7 p. m.

Called to order at 7 p. m. Prayer by G. S. Anderson.

E. S. Pugh read report on education.

W. B. Crumpton preached a missionary sermon, after which \$28 was collected for missions.

The report on education was then discussed by E. S. Pugh; A. J. Dickinson, and recommitted for amendment.

Adjourned till 9 a. m. Thursday.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION, 9 O'CLOCK.

E. R. Vaughan conducted devotional services.

Treasurer made the following report which was referred to Finance committee for auditing.

Your committee, having finished their work, beg leave to report the following contributions from the churches for missions, etc:

	Cash.	Vouch.	Total.
State Missions.....	\$ 43 66	\$ 91 34	\$115 00
Home Missions.....	49 25	74 01	123 26
Foreign Missions.....	50 85	46 90	97 75
Indigent Ministers.....	42 45	9 70	52 15
Bible and Colportage.....	8 40	3 50	11 90
Ministerial Education.....	41 75	37 19	78 94
Orphans' Home.....	37 26	135 85	173 11
Howard College.....	6 25	47 50	53 55
Minutes.....	38 06	-----	38 06
Collections at Association.....	48 21	-----	48 21
Institute work.....	19 75	-----	19 75
Total.....	\$385 89	\$425 79	\$824 68

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find the same correct, with vouchers for all money paid out by him.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. PACE,

J. S. FINCH,

J. A. HILL,

Committee.

Roll called and corrected.

The report on woman's work was read, and, by request of the Association, J. F. Savell addressed the Association on woman's work.

The following resolution was offered by C. H. Morgan and adopted by the Association:

Resolved, By the pastors and delegates composing this Association, that we use our best efforts when we return to our churches, to organize women's aid societies in the various churches in the Asso-

ciation, also that the churches be requested to send two body delegates to the Association.

W. A. Parker read the following report on Aged and Infirm Ministers:

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

In the opinion of your committee, there is no subject of similar importance, that receives less attention from our Baptist people than does the subject of indigent ministers. The richest blessing ever bestowed upon the human race by our Lord, is eternal life through Jesus Christ, and equal in importance to that, is the propagation of the gospel through the medium of preaching, for it hath pleased God to save those who call upon His name. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed, and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher? Then, since God requires men to preach, He also says that they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel; but many of our people have revoked this injunction. We venture the assertion that no class of men of equal talent earn more and receive less than does the Baptist preacher of today. Then if our people do not appreciate the active minister, it need not be expected that they will care for the aged as they should. Now there is a just cause for this negligence, and a remedy as well. We believe that the main cause is due to the fact that our churches have departed in a large measure from the New Testament plan, and made the ingress too easy, and the discipline too lax, hence many of our members are unregenerate, and of course are worldly minded, and apply that which belongs to God to their own pecuniary interest, and often pay the preacher with promises. Who is worth more to the people than the God-called minister? Who should share more largely of the sympathies of God's people than he who has borne the hardships inherent to the ministry, and has spent his life for the spiritual good of the public? None. Then, to enlist our people in this work, we would recommend that our churches and preachers adhere more strictly to the Apostolic form of government, and enforce more rigidly, yet gently, the discipline, as laid down in the New Testament, thereby casting out the bilge water of worldliness, which is so hurtful to the cause of Christ. Your committee is persuaded that if this course was pursued by all concerned, our churches would consist more largely of regenerate members, and consequently they would be more Christlike and take better care of their aged and infirm ministers, their widows and orphans.

Respectfully submitted,

R. K. BENSON,

Chairman.

After remarks by J. H. Fendley and a special collection of \$8.50 for Sister Dewitt, the report was adopted.

The Treasurer was instructed to divide the mission collection equally between missions and the Greensborough church.

At 11 a. m. A. J. Dickinson preached.

The Association then adjourned till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 O'CLOCK.

Called to order by the Moderator, Wm. Kerridge, who conducted devotional exercises.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to condense some of the reports and make any other changes that he may deem necessary.

The Committee on Nominations, Documents and Requests made the following report:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS, ETC.

Your Committee on Nominations, etc., would recommend that any brother visiting sister Associations be requested to represent us.

We recommend that J. H. Fendley preach the Introductory sermon at the next session of our body, A. W. Ethridge, alternate. We recommend that J. H. Creighton be appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and W. A. Parker alternate. We further recommend that J. R. Cowan, W. N. Nichols, M. H. Robinson, W. A. Parker, J. H. Fendley, C. H. Morgan, J. H. Creighton and J. F. Savell be appointed delegates to the State Convention. We also recommend that the next meeting of this Association be held with River Hill church, at Salitpa, on Tuesday before the first Sunday in October, 1900. We find petitions from Good Springs and Walnut Hill churches asking membership in this body, which we recommend be granted. We also find requests from churches asking financial aid, which we refer to Executive Committee.

C. W. BURGE,
J. J. BRACKETT,
J. W. FLUKER,
Committee.

The report was amended by striking out River Hill and inserting Amity, and then adopted.

On motion, the following resolution was placed on the minutes:

Resolved, That at the next session of the South Bethel Association, Article 2 of Constitution be changed, so that all pastors holding membership in this Association be made delegates without election, from their respective churches; also, Article 11 be amended by adding the Southern Baptist Convention; also, that the Constitution be so amended that the Association be divided into four districts and that the Association hold its annual sessions consequently in each district.

Henry White read the following report on Bible and Colportage work:

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

Your Executive Committee, to whom was referred the Bible and Colportage Work at the last session of your body, decided that the recommendation by this Association of employing a Colporter for this Association was impracticable; therefore, but little has been done in this direction. Some of our pastors have kept on hand Bibles and other religious books, and have supplied the demand for such

books in their own fields. Your committee know of no better way than that the pastors furnish their people with books.

Submitted,

HENRY WHITE,
W. H. BELL

After remarks by J. H. Creighton, C. H. Morgan, Wm. Kerridge and E. R. Vaughan, the report was adopted.

The report on education was read as amended, and adopted..

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In the last decade great advancement has been made in education. Schools and colleges have been built and improved all over this country. Greater provisions have been made for common schools, in which free tuition is given. The state has grown more active in this work all the while. Legislation has frequently been enacted for the improvement of public schools. But the efforts of the state have not satisfied the demands for education. Private schools and colleges have been established by individuals and by the Christian church. Nearly all Christian denominations are devoted to educational work. The Baptist denomination has seemed to feel its responsibility in this respect.

In Alabama it has done a good work toward building up a good citizenship through Christian education. Its influence has not been confined to its schools and colleges. It has stimulated the spirit for education, and has increased desire and ambition for it.

Howard College has greatly benefited the citizenship of our State through the graduates whom it has sent out. It has been prosperous in the past, but has suffered some cramp and hindrance from debt. Now the debt has been paid and the college is in a better condition than ever before to render good service to the parents of the state in the education of their sons.

Judson is wide awake. The number of students yearly increase, despite the competition of state institutions in furnishing cheaper tuition. It has done much for the girls of Alabama, and is equipped at present to do better work than it has done in the past.

Let the Baptist people of the South Bethel Association strive diligently to advance the educational interests of Alabama and to infuse the spirit of Christianity into the instruction offered in schools and colleges.

E. S. PUGH,
W. L. HENDERSON,
J. E. NICHOLS.

The Executive Committee reported that at their first meeting they adopted W. A. Tharp as a beneficiary of the ministerial education fund, agreeing to contribute \$75.00 for his support in school. He attended the Amity Academy, and his progress in school has been very satisfactory. The amount promised him has been paid and we recommend that he be adopted by the Association. Adopted.

On motion, the same brethren were continued on the Executive Committee, with J. R. Cowan and J. A. Hill added.

Adjourned till 7 p. m.

THURSDAY—NIGHT SESSION.

Called to order by Moderator. C. H. Morgan led the Association in prayer.

W. L. Henderson read the following report on Sunday schools:

(Destroyed by fire.)

Remarks by W. L. Henderson. Then preaching by J. F. Savell. Adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

Called to order by the Moderator.

Wm. Kerridge conducted devotional services.

On motion, that J. H. Creighton be requested to retain the funds for Bible and Colportage and invest the same in Bibles and Testaments and any other religious books that may be in demand, keeping the same intact as a permanent fund.

The Sunday School report was taken and further discussed by W. L. Henderson, E. D. Adams, C. H. Morgan and adopted.

The report on Temperance was read as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

So far as your Committee is informed, the temperance status of the South Bethel Association is very much as it has been for the last two or three years, and, judging from reports gathered during the last session of the Alabama legislature, we are of the opinion that no part of the State can show a better record on the temperance question than the territory composing our Association.

Some of our people have thought it better to abolish our present prohibitory law and take a dispensary enactment in its place, but your committee is of a different opinion; and the author of the dispensary law before the last session of the legislature and which a number of our counties accepted, deemed it better not to interfere in the matter where prohibition already existed. Let us try prohibition awhile and see how it works, when we can more wisely judge of its merits. We know there are many violations of our prohibition law, but we believe even with these it is better than the open saloon. Let us hold on to our prohibited territory and trust to God for an extension of its area.

ISAAC GRANT,
Chairman.

Adopted without discussion.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be given to the Thomasville Baptist church, and to the citizens of Thomasville and vicinity, for all courtesies extended us during our stay among them.

On motion that the minute fund be raised to \$45.00, and

that the Clerk be allowed \$15.00 for his services.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Amity church, on Tuesday before the first Sunday in October, 1900.

NOTE.—Some of the reports were destroyed in the fire at Thomasville on Nov. 2nd, 1899, and all errors and omissions must be excused on that account.

J. R. COWAN, MODERATOR.

J. H. CREIGHTON, CLERK.

FINANCE REPORT.

J. H. CREIGHTON, in account with South Bethel Association.

1898				
Oct.	2—	To amount received from Finance Committee.....	\$288	11
	2	From Horeb church.....		90
	8	" J. A. Hill.....		30
	17	" Evergreen church.....		1 42
1899				
Jan'y	"	Lower Peach Tree church.....		1 00
"	"	Pine Hill church.....		5 00
Total			\$295	73

1898			CR.	
Oct.	2—	By amount paid L. A. Williamson.....	\$	29 25
	2	" " R. J. W. Dewitt.....		5 75
	2	" " Mrs. Dewitt.....		10 15
	2	" " Mrs. Averett.....		10 15
	2	" " W. A. Parker.....		5 00
	3	" " Wm. Kerridge.....		5 75
	3	" " J. H. Creighton.....		6 50
	3	" " Mrs. E. S. Hickson.....		10 15
	5	" " I. T. Tichener.....		57 41
	5	" " J. W. Stewart.....		37 13
	7	" " R. J. Willingham.....		62 16
	7	" " E. R. Vaughan.....		5 75
	7	" " printing and distributing minutes		36 85
1899				
Jan.	"	" G. S. Anderson.....		5 00
28	"	" J. H. Fendley, for Mrs. Dewitt.....		3 00
Feb.	1	" " Mrs. E. S. Hickson.....		3 00
August	"	" " Alabama Baptist Co. for Association letters		1 00
"	"	" " money orders and postage		1 23
Sept.	"	" " Isaac Grant for program		1 00
Mutilated coin			50—	\$295 73

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Wm. Hill	Whatley, Ala
J. V. Stringer	Jackson, "
S. A. Adams	Jackson, "
W. A. Parker	Thomasville, "
J. H. Fendley	Fulton, "
A. W. Ethridge	McIntyre, "
J. D. Hudson	Thomasville, "
W. W. Whatley	Winn, "
R. K. Benson	Nettleboro, "
L. A. Williamson	Grove Hill, "
C. H. Morgan	Lower Peach Tree, "
J. H. Creighton	Whatley, "
W. A. Tharp	Thomasville, "
Wm. Kerridge	Thomasville, "
R. J. Rodgers	Whatley, "
E. R. Vaughan	Walker Springs, "
J. D. Harper	Salitpa, "
J. F. Savell	Thomasville, "
G. L. Sutton	Whatley, "

STANDING COMMITTEES.

- State Missions—J. H. Creighton, E. D. Adams, L. A. Williamson.
 Home Missions—W. A. Parker, Wm. Kerridge, W. A. Tharp.
 Foreign Missions—S. A. Adams, J. D. Harper, J. V. Stringer.
 Orphans' Home—W. L. Henderson, W. N. Nichols, A. J. Pace.
 Religious Literature—J. W. Mathews, J. S. Finch, W. W. Whatley.
 Aged and Infirm Ministers—J. H. Fendley, W. H. Robinson, Jno. McGilbery.
 Sunday Schools—W. D. Dunn, J. B. Cleveland, Geo. P. Crenshaw.
 Bible and Colportage Work—R. K. Benson, A. W. Ethridge, R. J. Rodgers.
 Temperance—Isaac Grant, J. W. Cunningham, J. N. Jones.
 Education—J. F. Savell, E. S. Pugh, J. S. Burr.
 Institute Work—C. H. Morgan, E. R. Vaughan, G. L. Sutton.
 Woman's Work—Miss Sallie McIver, Mrs. Leslie Johnson, Miss L. C. Cleveland.
 Order of Business—J. H. Creighton, R. J. Cooper, W. L. Hunter.
 Executive Committee—W. A. Parker, J. H. Creighton, S. A. Adams, G. F. Nichols, G. P. Crenshaw, J. R. Cowan, J. A. Hill.

AMOUNT ASKED FOR BY THE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphans' Home.	Ministerial Educat'n	Indigent Ministers,	Bible and Colportage	Institute Work.	Total for each church
Amity	\$ 7 00	\$ 3 50	\$ 3 50	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 50	\$ 1 00	\$23 50
Antioch	3 50	1 75	1 75	1 50	1 00	1 00	25	50	11 00
Asberry	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	25	25	7 50
Bassett's Creek	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	2 00	25	75	14 50
Cane Creek	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	2 00	25	75	14 50
Canetouchy	1 50	75	75	50	50	50	25	25	5 00
Clarksville	2 00	1 00	1 00	50	50	50	25	25	6 00
Deep Creek	25 00	12 50	12 50	5 00	6 00	8 00	1 00	5 00	75 00
Elam	12 00	6 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	50	1 00	37 50
Enon	7 00	3 50	3 50	3 00	2 00	2 00	50	1 00	22 50
Evergreen	4 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	25	75	12 50
Forest Springs	18 00	9 00	9 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	1 00	5 00	56 00
Friendship	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	25	75	10 50
Fulton	6 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	50	1 00	19 50
Good Hope	3 50	1 75	1 75	1 50	1 00	1 00	25	75	11 50
Good Will	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	25	25	7 50
Good Springs	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	25	25	7 50
Grove Hill	25 00	12 50	12 50	8 00	8 00	8 00	1 00	2 00	75 00
Hoboken	6 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	50	1 50	21 00
Horeb	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	2 00	25	1 00	14 75
Hopewell	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	25	75	10 50
Independence	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	25	75	10 50
Indian Springs	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 00	1 50	2 00	25	1 00	16 75
Jackson	20 00	10 00	10 00	7 00	7 00	6 00	1 00	3 00	64 00
Lower Peach Tree	8 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	50	1 50	27 00
Mt. Gilead	7 00	3 50	3 50	3 00	2 00	2 00	50	1 50	23 00
Mt. Vernon	7 00	3 50	3 50	3 00	2 00	2 00	50	1 50	23 00
Midway	8 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	50	1 50	27 00
New Prospect	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	2 00	25	1 00	14 75
Peniel	8 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	50	1 50	27 00
Pine Hill	15 00	7 50	7 50	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	5 00	57 00
Pleasant Grove	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 00	2 00	2 00	25	2 00	18 25
Putnam	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 00	2 00	2 00	50	2 00	18 50
Red Bud	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	25	75	10 50
River Hill	12 00	6 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	50	2 50	39 00
Rockville	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	25	50	7 75
Round Hill	1 50	75	75	50	50	50	25	50	5 25
Salem	8 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	50	1 50	27 00
Suggsville	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	25	75	10 00
Stave Creek	3 50	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	25	75	11 50
Thomasville	25 00	12 50	12 50	8 00	8 00	8 00	1 00	5 00	78 00
Uconush	10 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	75	1 50	31 20
West Bend	8 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	50	1 00	26 50
Witch Creek	7 50	4 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	50	1 00	23 00
Walnut Hill	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	25	75	10 00

STATISTICS OF SOUTH BETHEL ASSOCIATION, 1899.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK'S NAME AND POSTOFFICE.	Memberships last re-ported.						Increase				Decrease				Present membership	Officers & teach'rs		SUNDAY SCHOOL. SUPERINTENDENT'S NAME AND POSTOFFICE. Pupils.		Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports prayer meet.	No. baptiz'd from S.S.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
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Pine Hill	Wilcox	J. M. Roden	E. L. Swearingen, Pine Hill	96	11	2	1	1	1	2	106	7	60	E. D. Adams, Pine Hill	4	7
Pleasant Grove	Clarke	L. A. Williams'n	I. J. Pitman, Tatallaba	109	2	1	1	10	1	102	5	46	B. G. Singleton, Putnam	3	2	
Putnam	Marengo	Wm. Kerridge	F. D. Little, Putnam	68	2	4	1	6	6	63	3	35	Walter Flemming, Saltpa	3	1	
Red Bud	Washington	J. V. Stringer	John Lewis, McIntosh	47			2	23		23	8	15	R. C. Blackwell, Singleton	2		
River Hill	Clarke	J. H. Creighton	S. P. Martin, Saltpa	111		2		7		106	8	60	J. J. Vickers, Dicklison	2	3	
Rockville	"	J. V. Stringer	Fletcher Blackwell, Singleton	39						38	6	47	J. C. Jowers, Jr., Sugsville	1		
Round Hill	"	Wm. Kerridge	R. L. Kennedy, Thomasboro	58						58	3	21	R. K. Hoven	4		
Salem	"	R. H. Benson	J. C. Jowers, Sugsville	136	3			9		147	3	130	W. L. Henderson, Thomasville	3	4	
Sugsville	"	J. D. Harper	H. P. W. Howell, Jackson	63						63	3	25	J. W. Hudson, McIntyre	2		
*Stone Creek	"	J. F. Savell	J. G. Cunningham, Thom sv'le	22				17		148	10	20	J. O. Turner, West Bend	3		
Thomasville	"	J. D. Harper	H. B. Taylor, Coffeeville	145	6	14		14	5	174	4					
Uiconush	"	G. L. Sauton	B. A. Clanton, McIntyre	197						19	4					
Walnut Hill	"	J. L. Tucker	W. F. Thornton, West Bend	55				4		49	3					
West Bend	"	J. D. Harper	L. E. Martin, Cunningham	98	2			6		94						
Witch Creek	"															
Total				3490	110	84	8	12	163	69	3	36	3433	154	1376	53

*Not reported. As reported last year.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF SOUTH BETHEL ASSOCIATION, 1899.

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	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Buildings.	Institute Work.	Bible and Colportage	Ministerial Educat'n	College Buildings.	Indigent Ministers.	Orphans' Home.	Minutes.	Home Expenses.				Total.	Value of Property.
												Pastor's Salary.	Repairs and new buildings.	Poor, fuel, Sun-day schools, etc.			
Amity	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 65	\$ 1 70	\$	\$	\$	\$ 12 27	\$	\$ 1 00	\$ 3 12	1 00	\$ 75 00	\$ 75 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 176 24	\$ 500 00	
Antioch	1 00	1 00	50			25	50		50	1 50	1 00	25 00		2 50	83 25	300 00	
Asberry	1 00	50	25			25	2 00		25	25	20	25 00		2 00	31 91	200 00	
Bassett's Creek	1 20	35	50				50		50		1 00	40 00		2 75	47 30	400 00	
Cane Creek										1 10	60				1 70	350 00	
Canetouchy																	
Clarksville	2 40	1 00	1 00				2 38			1 00	60	25 00		4 00	37 36	400 00	
Deep Creek	15 50	4 00	25 00				16 00	26 00	5 00	17 00	1 00	125 00		5 00	286 05	500 00	
Elam	4 00	2 00	2 00			1 00	1 00		2 60	2 50	1 50	85 00	4 00		110 00	400 00	
Enon	2 00	50	50				1 00		2 00	1 00	1 00	65 00		3 60	66 60	300 00	
Evergreen	3 00	1 50	1 50			75	1 00	25	1 00	1 50	80	26 45			37 75	200 00	
Forest Springs	10 00	6 00	8 00		2 00		4 00		1 00	10 00	1 55	200 00		3 00	242 55	600 00	
Friendship		25	25		35				2 00	1 00	50	135 00			1 35	125 00	
Fulton	3 90	2 50	2 50		75		3 00		75	75	1 00	50 00		5 00	150 25	1000 00	
Good Hope	3 00	1 50	50				50	75	1 00		25	25 00		5 00	67 25	200 00	
Good Will		50	50				2 80				75	50 00			82 50	200 00	
Good Springs												180 00		10 00	53 55	1000 00	
Grove Hill																	
Hoboken	3 65	1 85	1 85			50	1 00		1 00	1 50	1 00				85 85	500 00	
Horeb	2 00	75	1 00						35	60	1 00	75 00		4 45	85 15	800 00	
Hopewell		40	40		40		80	40	40	40	1 00				30 00	300 00	
Indian Springs			1 00												59 00	300 00	
Independence							6 00		2 00	15 25	56	50 00			53 56	300 00	
Jackson	7 50	3 00	9 28		3 00		1 95		2 00	23	1 00	150 00		10 00	165 03	800 00	
Lower Peach Tree	8 76	2 98	2 08	1 25			7 78	1 50	1 00	7 78	50	125 00	15 00	4 00	172 79	1000 00	
Mt. Gilead	5 90	3 00	3 00				3 40		1 00	3 40	75 00	75 00			91 70	300 00	
Mt. Vernon	1 00	40	1 00				1 15	1 00	1 50	1 25	1 00	66 24		7 00	80 39	300 00	
Midway	3 50	1 00	1 50			25	3 00	50	1 25	2 00	1 00	75 00	6 50	20 00	113 65	500 00	
New Prospect	3 00	2 50									1 00	50 00			56 50	400 00	
Pentel					13 00						1 00	50 00			70 00	500 00	

Pine Hill	12 00	6 00	6 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	150 00	35 80	5 80	211 60	1300 00	
Pleasant Grove	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	60 00	60 00	4 75	66 00	300 00	
Putnam	3 68	1 88	1 50	15	3 75	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	75 00	75 00	4 75	185 00	300 00	
Red Bud			1 00							60 00	60 00		61 00	300 00	
River Hill	7 41	3 00	2 00		3 70	5 55	5 00	3 00	2 00	100 00	10 00	6 25	148 25	500 00	
Rockville	1 00	50	1 00		1 00			1 00	15	25 00			25 00	400 00	
Round Hill	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00			1 50	2 00	85 00			31 15	500 00	
Salem	2 00	1 00	50		1 00			1 00	2 25	50		4 60	101 16	400 00	
Saggsville	3 00	1 50	1 25		1 00			3 00	4 50	75 00		6 00	91 00	600 00	
Stone Creek			2 50	2 50	6 85	10 00		80 15	1 80	100 00		36 00	114 30	300 00	
Thomasville		25 00	10 00	40 00	2 50			3 01	2 00	450 00			630 00	1500 00	
Unionsh			2 50						1 80	100 00			89 30	500 00	
Walnut Hill									50	50 00			55 50		
West Bend	7 00	3 50	2 50		2 75	1 60		2 70	3 00	125 00		4 00	152 10	750 00	
Witch Creek	3 00	3 00	1 60						1 00	75 00			108 60	400 00	
Collection at Association	14 00			14 00				8 50	13 05				51 21		
Total	140 37	125 91	100 00	\$55 68	\$21 11	\$ 8 40	\$79 18	\$53 55	\$59 95	201 92	42 11	\$3552 69	151 30	\$487 56	2025 00

